

REMARKS

The office communication of September 8, 2008, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that restriction of the application is required, as well as an election of species.

After discussing the application with the Examiner, applicant has reinserted original claims 1-16, and canceled previously added claims 17-38.

Applicant restricts the application to the composition of claims 1-10. Applicant also elects the species alginic acid. Claims 1-5 and 8-10 read on the elected species. Claims 1-4 and 8-10 are generic for all of the species. It is understood that divisional applications for the unselected inventions and species can be filed at a later date.

Favorable action on the present application is respectfully requested.

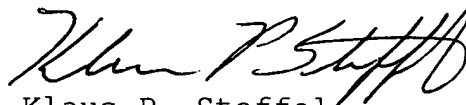
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